

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

re the Application of:

**Makoto INOUE et al.**

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**GROUP 3600**Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2003, please amend this application and consider the following remarks:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** beginning on page 7 of this paper.